Montlake Community Center Project Advisory Team, Meeting #3 November 15, 2004

In attendance:

Department of Parks and Recreation staff: Royal-Alley Barnes, David Goldberg, Michael Yasuatake, Dan Johnson, Klaus Goodrum, Dena Schuller

Project Advisory Team: Robin Bentley, Febe Cude, Johanna Richey, Shane Doran, Alfonso Marsh, Ken Schubert III, Ted Choi

Consultants: Don Carlson, Carlson Architects; Greg Waddell, Carlson Architects

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by David Goldberg

David explained that the purpose of the meeting was to confirm the high priority elements of the expansion and to review and comment on the latest version of the concept plan.

David also explained the questionnaire that will be included in the announcement that will be mailed out for the November 29, 2004 public meeting. The mailer will go to everyone within approximately 1-mile radius of the community center. Later in the meeting, Klaus offered to ask all new registrants to respond to the questionnaire when they register for a community center activity.

Greg Waddell presented a spreadsheet that compares the community center elements and floor areas as shown in the Levy descriptions to the elements and areas of the concept plan. Greg explained that the primary difference is that the concept plan envisions the learning and resource center being part of the lobby/lounge and, therefore, one activity room was eliminated and the lobby/lounge area is larger than what is shown on the Levy program description.

Ken Schubert III asked why the Fitness Room is now called an Activity Room. He reminded the group that it was ranked the highest in the survey conducted by the Coomunity Center advisory Council. David explained that the PAT and community needs to decide whether or not they want one room dedicated to one specific use, or if they want it to be more flexible. There was some discussion about the fact that "fitness" means different things to different people (weightlifting, aerobics, yoga etc.) It was decided to continue to use the term "activity room" until more information is obtained from the survey and public meeting. Specific attention will be paid to this topic at the public meeting.

There was discussion about the importance of the multi-purpose room and kitchen. There was general consensus that they are a high priority.

The future of the Tudor building was discussed. It was a general consensus that the building should be renovated and used as a social gathering place for the community. Ted Choi asked that the feasibility to expand the main room be investigated. Dan Johnson pointed out that changes to the Tudor may cause "code triggers" that would result in costly systems upgrades. Carlson will investigate what renovations are feasible without triggering code upgrades and identify costs for those upgrades.

There was general consensus that the bleachers and outdoor restrooms should continue to be investigated.

Don Carlson presented the revised West Alternative concept plan. There was continued support for the "arch" between the courtyard and the south wall of the gymnasium. However, the PAT did not favor the location of the activity room at the east end of the "arch". Don said that the room is

"floating" at this point in time and that he will figure out a way to relocate it closer to the entry and foyer. There was also an expressed desire to have a place at the east end of the "arch" where parents can observe their children in the playground.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.